

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Proclamation

IN MEMORY OF **EFFI BARRY**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2007



WHEREAS, Effi Slaughter was born on July 4, 1944 in Toledo, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Effi earned a bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute in 1967 and later went on to earn her Master's degree in Health Education from City College of New York; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Effi Barry moved to the District of Columbia to work with the Environmental Health Administration and later met and married Marion Barry; and

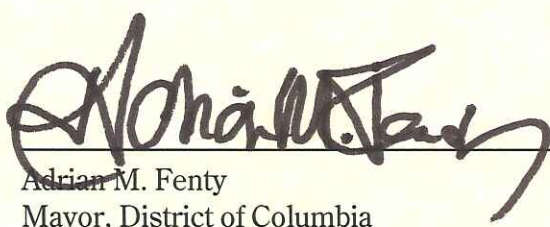
WHEREAS, Effi Barry was First Lady of the District of Columbia for 12 years and during that time she elegantly served the residents of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Effi promoted HIV/AIDS awareness and used her struggle with Leukemia as an example to others of the need for more minority bone marrow donors; and

WHEREAS, after a struggle with Leukemia, Effi Barry departed this life on September 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, to honor Effi Barry's service, all District of Columbia flags will be flown at half staff today, the day of her funeral:

NOW, THEREFORE I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2007 as "**FIRST LADY EFFI BARRY DAY**" in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in pausing to thank Effi Barry's family for her service to the District of Columbia.


Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia